

Application No. 10/645,325
AMENDMENT A dated July 25, 2006
Reply to Office Action of February 27, 2006

REMARKS

In the Office Communication mailed February 27, 2006 as entered in the above-captioned matter, the Examiner provided notice with respect to a provisional obviousness-double patenting rejection. Claims 18, 20-21, 23, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) given Sasai (JP 404046494). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) given Sasai in view of Rhee (US Patent No. 3,576,482). Claims 22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) given Sasai. Claims 1-17 were allowed. The Applicants hereby respectfully traverse these rejections and request reconsideration.

Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) given Sasai. Claim 18 has now been amended, however, to include a recitation specifying that the transmitted message comprise "bearer content that is substantially common as compared to a message that is transmitted upon assertion of at least one other of the plurality of discrete user assertable inputs." Such a limitation is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art references of record. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that independent claim 18 may be passed to allowance.

The remaining rejected claims are ultimately dependent upon independent claim 18, which claim has been shown allowable above.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies shown with respect to a brief telephonic interview conducted on July 25, 2006 with respect to these changes to claim 18.

The Applicants also note that a correction to a typographical error has been entered by this amendment with respect to claim 1. This correction does not represent

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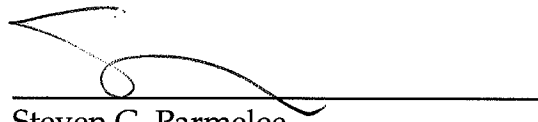
a change made for purposes of demonstrating patentability but rather to simply correct an obvious typographical error.

There being no other objections to or rejections of the claims presently extant, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 through 25 may be passed to allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,
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